

Wupatki National Monument
Tuba Star Route
Flagstaff, Arizona
May 18, 1966

County Recorder
Carroll County Court House
Berryville, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Do you have copies of the 1850 - 1860 Census of Carroll County? Or would you tell me where I might write to get information from them, please?

I am searching for Rudd families "of Carroll County", tho' I have no town name. My grandfather, William Mann Rudd, was a doctor in Carroll County for about 8 years, 1868-1876 when he and his family left via ox team for Arizona, where they spent the rest of their lives.

However, his parents (whose given names I've never learned) lived in Carroll County from 1834 on to ????. There were at least two other sons, Jim and Benjamin, who could have moved "to Texas", but again, I have no town.

There was also another son who was a Doctor, but who died prior to 1876. There was an "App" Rudd, probably a nickname, and a Miss Tennessee Rudd and a Miss "Hatt" (Probably Hattie) Rudd. The last three lived together and none of them married.

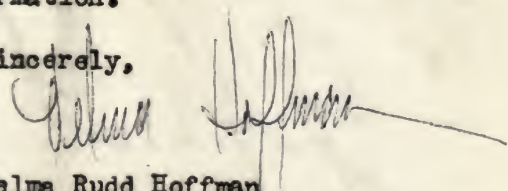
If you can give me any information I'll be most appreciative. Of if any decendants of the Rudd family are still living, I would appreciate their names so that I can write to them.

The Rudd family came to Carroll County in 1834 from Tennessee, but again no town or county name. My grandfather was 7 at the time. I understand Brig. Gen. Pike was a cousin of his.

My grandmother's people lived in Clarksville, and I've made several contacts with distant relatives on her side, tracing her lineage back to Virginia. But the Rudd's are a complete blank.

Thank you so very much for your help and information.

Sincerely,


Velma Rudd Hoffman

Wupatki National Monument
Tuba Star Route
Flagstaff, Arizona
June 13, 1966

Mr. Olney A. Rudd
Rt. 1
Green Forest, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Rudd:

I guess we are cousins, of a sort, as your father Benjamin was my great-uncle, as brother of my grandfather William Mann Rudd. Thank you so much for writing and telling me about your family. I had understood, from my grandmother Rudd's story, told to my Aunt Katherine Rudd Randles shortly before her death in 1933, that both Jim Rudd and Benjamin had gone to Texas.

Aunt Katherine recently mentioned her Aunt's Tenn and Hat and her Uncle Ap, so I at least had those new names to add to the family. She said she would write her cousin for more family information, but didn't give me her cousin's name. It could have been you or your sister.

Thank you for sending a copy of Aunt Sarah's diary. She was Jim Rudd's wife, I believe, but not Wm. M.'s wife. I believe a second cousin of mine, Irma Phelps Udall of Springerville, Arizona, had a copy of Aunt Sarah's diary once some years back and made copies of it. *What was your mother's name? The Aunt Sarah was she?*

If you like, I'll make a copy of my Grandmother Rudd's story and send you. It tells of her early life in Clarksville, Arkansas, her marriage to Wm. M. Rudd in 1853, their life during the Civil War, their trek across the country in 1876, with your father Benjamin and his brother Jim, and their life in Northern Arizona.

I just looked thru it now to try to place Sarah, but it is just my understanding that she was Jim's wife. Your father Benjamin taught his neices and nephews for a few years, as he had been a school teacher.

My grandfather also kept a diary of his trip across the plains, but it "disappeared" and we've not been able to locate it.

I'd be most interested in knowing all the records your sister Gertie has, and seeing the pictures. Perhaps next year I can afford a trip to Arkansas and see them. I'd like to see the places where my family lived. I thought it most interesting to know there was a community named Rudd.

I was also interested in the information about your uncle Crockett. Aunt Katherine said there had been another brother who was a doctor and who died. My grandfather also was a Doctor, and a lawyer, or whatever the need arose for! He died in 1915.

I was also interested in your name, Olney. Wm. M. Rudd named his second from youngest son Olney. He was born in Arkansas before they left for Arizona, and only died last Thanksgiving week at Tulalake, California. He has a son also named Olney, and one named Neil. They both live at Tulalake, and at first glance at your letter I thought it was from my cousin Olney.

What I'm also interested in is whether any of the Rudd family have traced back into their ancestry, if they know who Nathaniel Rudd's parents were in North Carolina, and Nancy Rudd's family in Kentucky, and what her maiden name was.

On a hunch, in my search for older family history, I had written the Archives in North Carolina to ask if any Rudd's were listed, not knowing that Nathaniel Rudd was born in North Carolina. In their only published census of 1790, there were 2

Rudd families. One is supposed to give county names for them to research. I didn't have that information, but am hopeful, since there were only 2 families, that they will send that information.

I just wondered if they couldn't be traced back to pre-Revolutionary days, and wanted to know the family's early background. Maybe your sister Gertie would know some of that information.

Knowing that some of the Rudd families were large, I hope that somewhere some of them have traced back.

My two daughters have been interested in learning who their ancestors were. The younger, Linda, lives in Alaska where her husband is with the Weather Bureau in a remote village. My other daughter Marilyn lives in California where her husband teaches high school at Newport Beach. My son, 24, Richard, lives in Flagstaff, which is my home town. He's always happy to meet current relatives. He married last August and has no children, but my daughter's each have 3, so that makes me a grandmother 6 times, at 54.

I'm working for the U.S. Park Service 40 miles north of Flagstaff at a collection of ancient Indian ruins. But, being accustomed to the pines around Flagstaff, I find the high desert quite warm. And, if I didn't have a fabulous view of the Painted Desert to see all day, I'd get quite bored with the black cinder-sand of volcanic ash, and the desert sage brush. But the job is interesting and I sometimes get to talk with the visitors who come from all over the world.

I hope to retire eventually on an acreage in the country. Around Flagstaff land is crazy high priced. I used to get the United Farm catalogue which listed places in Arkansas for sale. But my son, who traveled thru some parts of the State while he was in the Army, said it was hot and humid in the summer.

Green Forest sounds like a pretty place. It sounds cool. Is Rudd near by?

Mr. Coy Logan, Supervisor at Berryville and member of the Carroll County Historical Society, whom I mentioned in my letter to Mayor Jackson, mentioned something about a Mr. Rudd being killed in Green Forest a few years back. Was that a relative of yours?

Are all the Arkansas Rudd's tall and blue-eyed, like Wm. M.? My grandmother (Eliza Catherine Mann) Rudd was little, with dark eyes. And while all of our relatives in Arizona are said to "have the Rudd look", I think it is probably taken after my Grandmother's side of the family, but whether from the Mann side or Rose side, I don't know yet. My Aunt Katherine, who lives in Albuquerque, and who is 84, had the blue eyes, as did Uncle Olney and Aunt Rosa. My only other living Aunt, Ida May Rudd, who lives at the Arizona Pioneer's Home in Prescott, was like my father and my Aunt Virginia, as they all had dark eyes. I didn't know too many others of my Aunts and Uncles. Tho' remembering my childhood views of them, both Uncle Charlie and Dave were tall and blue eyed.

Thank you very much for writing. If you would like a copy of Grandma Rudd's story I'll type one up for you. I also had some duplicates made of both her picture and Grandfather Rudd's which were on my original manuscript, if you would like those. I have some extras.

I hope to meet you one of these days, and the rest of your family.

Sincerely,



Velma Rudd Hoffman